the infiltration across Indo-Pak borders, especially in the western sector;

(b) what is the number of infiltrants grabbed while crossing the borders or otherwise apprehended during this period and how these figures compare with the corresponding figures for the three months preceding this period; and

(c) what are the details of the other infiltration activities across the borders that have come to Government's notice during the past three months?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) BSF who are deployed on the Indo-Pak border are constantly on the alert. The Punjab sector of the Indo-Pak border was also placed under the operational control of the Army in January, 1987.

(b) and (c) 1039 infiltrators were apprehended on the Indo-Pak border during the period from November, 1986 to January, 1987 as against 1028 during the period from August to October, 1986. During encounters with the BSF, 79 intruders were killed between November, 1986 to January, 1987 as against 167 during the period from August to October, 1986.

Compulsory jute packaging for certain .. materials

*13. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA:
SHRI YALLA SESI BHUSHANA RAO:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to make jute packaging compulsory for cement, fertilizers and other such materials;

(b) if not, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) what are the details of the measures being taken to protect the jute industry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

The Government has been taking various steps from time to time to improve the performance of jute industry. The steps taken by the Government include:—

(1) Purchase of jute goods by Government (DGS&D) from jute industry according to Palekar formula.

(2) Two new constructions of jute based bags permitted for commercial use by Cement Industry;

(3) Efforts being made to find out alternative uses of jute in packing tea, production of carpets, blankets etc.;

(4) A buffer stock scheme of raw jute in operation so as to bring stability in raw jute prices;

(5) Jute Modernisation Fund Scheme of Rs. 150 crores started with effect from 1st November, 1986;

(6) A Special Jute Development Fund of Rs. 100 crores created for restructuring|re-opening|rehabilitation of jute industry as well as for development of jute agricultures;

(7) Providing higher cash compensatory support for export of jute goods.

Development of Tourism in Orissa

*14. SHRI BASUDEB MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government have taken any fresh steps recently to improve tourism in Orissa;

(b) if so, how many tourist spots have been identified and whether any survey has been conducted in this regard; and

(c) how much amount has been earmarked during the Seventh Five Year Plan period for Orissa on development of tourism?